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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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### Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 – 4, 6 – 8, 11 – 14, 18 – 19 & 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reichert (U.S. Patent Number 5511707) in view of Ammerman (U.S. Patent Number 6863202). Reichert discloses the first part (13) (See Figures 3 & 4) configured to interact with the article of clothing (column 3, lines 1 - 3) (See Figures 1 & 4); and the platform-like second part (12) on which the container (See Figure 1) may be supported wherein the device (10) does not have any shoulder straps and when the first part (13) interacts with the article of clothing (See Figure 4) and the container (See Figure 1) is supported by the second part (12) (See Figures 1 & 4), the first portion of the container's weight is supported by the article of clothing (column 3, line 11 – 19). See Figures 1 & 4.

However, Reichert does not disclose the second portion of the weight is supported by at least one shoulder strap attached to the container.

Ammerman teach the second portion of the weight is supported by at least one shoulder strap (12) attached to the container (11) (column 4, lines 15 – 23) (See Figure 1) for the purpose of increasing user comfort and hands free capabilities.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the second portion of the weight supported by at least one shoulder strap attached to the container as taught by Ammerman with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance users ergonomic comfort level and provide free hand capabilities.

Regarding claim 2 as stated above, Reichert discloses the first part (13) is the hook (column 2, lines 65 – 68 & column 3, line 1). See Figures 3 & 4.

Regarding claim 3 as stated above, Reichert discloses the first part (13) is the clasp (column 2, lines 65 – 68 & column 3, line 1). See Figures 3 & 4.

Regarding claim 4 as stated above, Reichert discloses the pad (14) located between the first part (13) and the second part (12), wherein the pad (14) is configured to transfer the portion of the weight of the container to the user (column 3, line 4 – 9). See Figures 3 & 4.

Regarding claim 6 as stated above, Reichert discloses the container support device (10) (See Figures 1 & 4) without any shoulder straps (see Figures (1 – 4),

comprising: the first part (13) configured to interact with an article of clothing (column 3, lines 1 – 3); and the platform-like second part (12) on which the container may be supported (See Figure 1 & 4); wherein, in use, the first part (13) of the container support device (10) is supported by the article of clothing (column 3, lines 1 – 3), and the container is supported by the second part (12) (See Figures 1 & 4), such that the second portion (12) of the weight of the container is supported by the article of clothing (column 3, line 11 – 19). See Figures 1 – 4.

However, Reichert does not disclose the container with at least one shoulder strap attached to the container.

Ammerman teaches the container (11) with at least one shoulder strap (12) attached to the container (11). See Figures 1 – 4) for the purpose of transporting items with hands free capabilities.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make at least one shoulder strap attached to the container as taught by Ammerman with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance users ergonomic comfort levels and provide hands free capabilities.

Furthermore, Reichert does not disclose at least one shoulder strap supports the first portion of the weight of the container.

Moreover, Ammerman also teaches at least one shoulder strap (12) supports the first portion of the weight of the container (column 4, line 15 – 23) for the purpose of increasing user comfort and hand free capabilities.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make at least one shoulder strap supports the first portion of the weight of the container as taught by Ammerman with the container support device of Reichert to enhance ease of transporting large items with hands free capabilities.

Regarding claim 7 as stated above, Reichert discloses the article of clothing is the belt (column 3, line 1 – 3). See Figure 1.

Regarding claim 8 as stated above, Reichert discloses the article of clothing is the pants waistband (column 3, line 1 – 3). See Figure 4.

Regarding claim 11 as stated above, Ammerman discloses the container (11) comprises the single shoulder strap (12) (See Figures 1 – 4) for the purpose of transporting items with hands free capabilities.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the containers comprise with the single shoulder strap as taught by Ammerman with the container support device of Reichert to enhance ease of transporting large items with hands free capabilities.

Regarding claim 12, Reichert discloses the container support device (10) (See Figures 1 & 4) without any shoulder straps (see Figures (1 – 4), comprising: the first part (13) configured to interact with an article of clothing (column 3, lines 1 – 3); and the

second part (12) configured to interact with the container (column 3, lines 12 – 13) (See Figure 1); wherein, in use, the first part (13) of the container support device (10) interacts with the article of clothing (column 3, lines 1 – 3), and the second part (12) of the container device (10) interacts with the container (column 3, lines 12 – 13) (See Figure 1), such that the second portion of the weight of the container is supported by the article of clothing.

However, Reichert does not disclose the container with at least one shoulder strap attached to the container.

Ammerman teaches the container (11) with at least one shoulder strap (12) attached to the container (11). See Figures 1 – 4) for the purpose of transporting items with hands free capabilities.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make at least one shoulder strap attached to the container as taught by Ammerman with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance users ergonomic comfort levels and provide hands free capabilities.

Furthermore, Reichert also does not disclose at least one shoulder strap supports the first portion of the weight of the container.

Moreover, Ammerman also teaches at least one shoulder strap (12) supports the first portion of the weight of the container (column 4, line 15 – 23) for the purpose of increasing user comfort and hand free capabilities.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make at least one shoulder strap supports the first portion of the weight of the container as taught by Ammerman with the container support device of Reichert to enhance ease of transporting large items with hands free capabilities.

Regarding claim 13 as stated above, Reichert discloses the first part (13) of the container support device (10) comprises the hook (column 2, lines 65 – 68 & column 3, line 1). See Figures 3 & 4.

Regarding claim 14 as stated above, Reichert discloses the first part (13) of the container support device (10) comprises the clasp (column 2, lines 65 – 68 & column 3, line 1). See Figures 3 & 4.

Regarding claim 18 as stated above, Reichert discloses the article of clothing is the belt (column 3, lines 1 – 3). See Figure 1.

Regarding claim 19 as stated above, Reichert discloses the article of clothing is the pants waistband (column 3, lines 1 – 3). See Figure 4.

Regarding claim 23 as stated above, Ammerman discloses the container (11) comprises the single shoulder strap (12) (See Figures 1 – 4) for the purpose of transporting items with hands free capabilities.



It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the container comprise the single shoulder strap as taught by Ammerman with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance users ergonomic comfort levels and provide hands free capabilities.

3. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reichert (U.S. Patent Number 5511707) and Ammerman (U.S. Patent Number 6863202) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Harrison, Jr., (U.S. Patent Number 5609283). Reichert and Ammerman disclose the invention substantially as claimed.

However, Reichert and Ammerman do not disclose the container support device further comprising the article of clothing.

Harrison, Jr., teaches the container support device (84) further comprising the article of clothing (12) (column 4, lines 53 – 60) (See Figures 5 & 7) for the purpose of providing all-in-one multi-purpose functionality.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art the time the invention was made to make the container support device further comprise the article of clothing as taught by Harrison, Jr., with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance multi-functional capabilities.

4. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reichert (U.S. Patent Number 5511707) and Ammerman (U.S. Patent Number 6863202) as

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applied to claim 6 above, and further in view of Bradley et al., (U.S. Patent Number 6688505). Reichert and Ammerman disclose the invention substantially as claimed.

However, Reichert and Ammerman do not disclose the article of clothing is the pants pocket.

Bradley et al., teaches the container support system, wherein the article of clothing is the pants pocket (See Figures 13 & 14) for the purpose of providing flexible storage capabilities.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the container support system, wherein the article of clothing is the pants pocket as taught by Bradley et al., with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance flexible mobile personal storage of personal items.

5. Claims 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reichert (U.S. Patent Number 5511707) and Ammerman (U.S. Patent Number 6863202) as applied to claim 6 above, and further in view of Ventura (6374577). Reichert and Ammerman disclose the invention substantially as claimed.

However, Reichert and Ammerman do not disclose the receptacle connectable to the article of clothing and configured to interact with the first part.

Ventura teaches the receptacle (G) connectable to the article of clothing (24) (See Figures 2, 3A & 3B) and configured to accept the first part (22) (See Figure 2) for the purpose of providing flexible mobile storage.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the receptacle connectable to the article of clothing and configured to interact with the first part as taught by Ventura with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance mobile storage capabilities.

6. Claims 15 – 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reichert (U.S. Patent Number 5511707) and Ammerman (U.S. Patent Number 6863202) as applied to claim 11 above, and further in view of Ventura (U.S. Patent Number 6374577). Reichert and Ammerman disclose the invention substantially as claimed.

However, Reichert and Ammerman do not disclose the second part of the container support device comprises the hook-like portion configured to join the container support device to the container.

Ventura teaches the second part (30, 34, & 36) of the container support device (M) (See Figure 2) comprises the hook-like portion (30, 32 & 36) (See Figure 2) configured to join the container support device (M) to the container (G) (See Figures 3A & 3B) for the purpose of providing flexible multi-function capabilities.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the second part of the container support device comprise of the hook-like portion configured to join the container support device container to the container as taught by Ventura with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance reliable anchoring and prevent excess movement.

Regarding claim 16 as stated above, Reichert and Ammerman disclose the invention substantially as claimed.

However, Reichert and Ammerman do not disclose the second part of the container support device interacts with the handle of the container.

Ventura teaches the second part (32, 34 & 36) (See Figure 2) of the container support device (M) (See Figure 2) interacts with the handle (20) of the container (B) (See Figure 3A & 3B) for the purpose of providing alternative mobile storage.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the second part of the container support device interacts with the handle of the container as taught by Ventura with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance mobile storage weight distribution.

Regarding claim 17 as stated above, Reichert and Ammerman disclose the invention substantially as claimed.

However, Reichert and Ammerman do not disclose the second part of the container support device interacts with the connecting portion of the container configured to interact with the hook-like portion of the second part.

Ventura teaches the second part (30, 32 & 36) of the container support device (M) (See Figure 2) interacts with the connecting portion (H) of the container (G) configured to interact with the hook-like (30, 32 & 36) portion of the second part (See Figures 1, 2, 3A & 3B) for the purpose of providing alternative mobile storage. It would

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have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the second part of the container support device interacts with the connecting portion of the container configured to interact with the hook-like portion of the second part as taught by Ventura with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance mobile storage capabilities.

7. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reichert (U.S. Patent Number 5511707) and Ammerman (U.S. Patent Number 6863202) as applied to claim 11 above, and further in view of Bradley et al., (U.S. Patent Number 6688505). Reichert and Ammerman disclose the invention substantially as claimed.

However, Reichert and Ammerman do not disclose the article of clothing is the pants pocket.

Bradley et al., teaches the container support system, wherein the article of clothing is the pants pocket (See Figures 13 & 14) for the purpose of providing flexible storage capabilities.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the container support system, wherein the article of clothing is the pants pocket as taught by Bradley et al., with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance flexible mobile personal storage of personal items.

8. Claims 21, 27 – 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reichert (U.S. Patent Number 5511707) and Ammerman (U.S. Patent Number 6863202) as applied to claim 11 above, and further in view of Ventura (6374577).

Reichert and Ammerman disclose the invention substantially as claimed.

However, Reichert and Ammerman do not disclose the receptacle connectable to the article of clothing and configured to interact with the first part.

Ventura teaches the receptacle (G) connectable to the article of clothing (24) (See Figures 2, 3A & 3B) and configured to accept the first part (22) (See Figure 2) for the purpose of providing flexible mobile storage.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the receptacle connectable to the article of clothing and configured to interact with the first part as taught by Ventura with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance mobile storage capabilities.

Regarding claim 27 as stated above, Reichert discloses the wherein supporting the second portion of the weight of the container with the device (10) comprises placing the container on the platform-like portion (12) of the device (10). See Figures 1 & 4.

Regarding claim 28 as stated above, Ventura discloses the second portion of the weight of the container (G) with the device (M) comprises joining the device (M) and the

container (G) by joining the device (G) to the connection portion (H) of the container (G) (See Figures 1, 2, 3A, & 3B) for the purpose of providing equal weight distribution.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the second portion of the weight of the container with the device comprises joining the device and the container by joining the device to the connection portion of the container as taught by Ventura with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance ergonomic weight level balance.

Regarding claim 29 as stated above, Ammerman discloses wearing at least one shoulder strap (12) attached to the container (11) comprises wearing the single shoulder strap (12) attached to the container (11) (See Figures 1 – 4) for the purpose of providing hands free capabilities.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make wearing at least one shoulder strap attached to the container comprises wearing the single shoulder strap attached to the container as taught by Ammerman with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance users ergonomic comfort level and provide free hand capabilities.

9. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reichert (U.S. Patent Number 5511707) and Ammerman (U.S. Patent Number 6863202) as applied to claim 11 above, and further in view of Harrison, Jr., (U.S. Patent Number 5609283). Reichert and Ammerman disclose the invention substantially as claimed.

However, Reichert and Ammerman do not disclose the container support device further comprising the article of clothing.

Harrison, Jr., teaches the container support device (84) further comprising the article of clothing (12) (column 4, lines 53 – 60) (See Figures 5 & 7) for the purpose of providing all-in-one multi-purpose functionality.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art the time the invention was made to make the container support device further comprise the article of clothing as taught by Harrison, Jr., with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance multi-functional capabilities.

10. Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reichert (U.S. Patent Number 5511707) in view of Ehredt (U.S. Patent Number 6154904).

Reichert discloses the first part (13) configured to interact with the article of clothing (See Figure 4) (column 3, line 1 – 3); wherein: the first part (13) is easily removable from the article of clothing (See Figures 3 & 4), the article of clothing is not specifically designed to interact with the container support device (column 2, line 51 –54), and in use (See Figure 1), the first part (13) of the container support device (10) by the article of clothing (See Figure 4), the container is supported by the container support device (10) (column 3, line 11 – 19), such that the second portion of the weight of the container is supported by the article of clothing (See Figure 4).



However, Reichert does not disclose the container with at least one shoulder strap attached to the container; and the container support device permanently fixed to the container.

Ehredt teaches the container (40) with at least one shoulder strap (47) (column 3, line 43 – 45) attached to the container (40) (See Figures 1 & 2); and the container support device (45) permanently fixed to the container (40) (See Figures 1 & 2). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the container with at least one should strap attached to the container; and the container support device permanently fixed to the container as taught by Ehredt with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance users ergonomic comfort levels and provide hands free capabilities.

11. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reichert (U.S. Patent Number 5511707) in view of Ammerman (U.S. Patent Number 6863202) and Ehredt (U.S. Patent Number 6154904). Reichert discloses the first part (13) configured to interact with the article of clothing (See Figures 3 & 4) (column 3, lines 1 – 3), the first part (13) of the container support device (10) is supported by the article of clothing (See Figure 4), and the container is supported by the container support device (10) (See Figures 1 & 4), such that the second portion of the weight of the container is supported by the article of clothing.

However, Reichert does not disclose the at least one shoulder strap supports the first portion of the weight of the container.

Ammerman teaches at least one shoulder strap (12) supports the first portion of the weight of the container (11) (column 4, lines 15 – 23) for the purpose of transporting items with hands free capabilities.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make at least one shoulder strap support the first portion of the weight of the container as taught by Ammerman with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance users ergonomic comfort levels and provide hands free capabilities.

However, Reichert does not disclose the container with the single shoulder strap attached to the container; and the container support device permanently fixed to the container.

Ehredt teaches the container (40) with at least one shoulder strap (47) (column 3, line 43 – 45) attached to the container (40) (See Figures 1 & 2); and the container support device (45) permanently fixed to the container (40) (See Figures 1 & 2) for the purpose of providing.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the container with the single shoulder strap attached to the container; and the container support device permanently fixed to the container as taught by Ehredt with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance users ergonomic comfort levels and provide hands free capabilities.

12. Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reichert (U.S. Patent Number 5511707) in view of Ammerman (U.S. Patent Number 6863202). Reichert discloses joining the device (10), without any shoulder straps, to an article of clothing (See Figures 1 & 4); and supporting the second portion of the weight of the container with the device, wherein the device (10) transfers the second portion of the weight of the container to the article of clothing.

However, Reichert does not disclose wearing at least one shoulder strap attached to the container; supporting the first portion of the weight of the container with the at least one shoulder strap; and wherein first portion of the weight of the container remains supported by the at least one shoulder strap attached to the container without being transferred by the device to the article of clothing.

Ammerman teaches wearing at least one shoulder strap (12) attached to the container (11) (See Figures 1 – 4); supporting the first portion of the weight of the container (11) with the at least one shoulder strap (12) (See Figures 1 – 4); and wherein first portion of the weight of the container (11) remains supported by the at least one shoulder strap (12) attached to the container (11) without being transferred by the device to the article of clothing (See Figures 1 – 4) for the purpose of increasing user comfort and hands free capabilities.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make wearing at least one shoulder strap attached to the container; supporting the first portion of the weight of the container with the at least one shoulder strap; and wherein first portion of the weight of the container remains

supported by the at least one shoulder strap attached to the container without being transferred by the device to the article of clothing as taught by Ammerman with the container support device of Reichert in order to enhance users ergonomic comfort level and provide free hand capabilities.

Examiner notes Roberts (U.S. Patent Number 5826763) discloses relevance to this application.

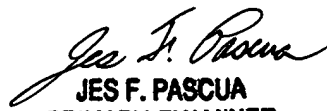
### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lester L. Vanterpool whose telephone number is 571-272-8028. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (8:30 - 5:00) EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on 571-272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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